13. Squash 14. Tennis 15. Table Tennis 16. Weightlifting (Women) 17.. Wrestling 18. Yatching 19. Karate 20. Volleyball 21. Kayaking & Canoeing 22. Taekwondo 23. Wushu 24. Kabaddi 25. Gymnastics

(b) Yes, Sir. Adequate facilities for training of national and international level sportspersons/teams in the above mentioned disciplines.

(c) Yes, Sir. Sports persons who are eligible as per laid down Government rules are allowed to import equipments/accessories without payment of custom duty. The procedures have also been simplified for the same for hassle-free import.

Doping by Indian weightlifters

1617. SHR ITARINIKANTA ROY: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of Indian weightlifters have tested positive in doping tests abroad even after being cleared by the SAI doping centre in New Delhi;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether there is any plan to upgrade the doping centre to bring it at par with other leading doping centres?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF NON-RESIDENT INDIANS AFFAIRS (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) Yes, Sir. There have been 3 (three) cases since 2001 in which Indian weightlifters have ben tested negative at Sports Authority of India's (SAI) Dope Control Centre but tested positive abroad.

(c) The upgradation of Sports Authority of India's (SAI) Dope Control Centre is an on going process. All the mandatory equipments have been procured and commissioned, except Isotope Raio Mass Spectrometer (IRMS). The process for procurement of IRMS is under active consideration. After completing all formalities, SAI has applied

for permanent Accreditation on 6-2-2004 to World Anti Doping Agency (WADA).

Expenditure on preparations for 2004 Olympics

1618. SHRI S.M. LALJAN BASHA: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total expenditure incurred on preparation for the 2004 Olympics;

(b) the details of the item-wise expenditure;

(c) whether it is a fact that there has been no effort to select school going youth for future Olympics;

(d) whether Government is putting too much emphasis on older athletes; and

(e) the details of the strategy which depends on old timers rather than new blood?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF NON-RESIDENT INDIANS AFFAIRS (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) and (b) The training of sportsperson for major international events including Olympic Games is an on-going process. The disciplines in which India is likely to achieve good results are identified and more concentrated inputs are given to these disciplines. No separate budget is earmarked for various multi-disciplinary events including Olympic Games. The sportspersons are provided required assistance from various schemes of Government. The details of releases/ expenditure incurred from these schemes from 2002-03 till 12th August, 2004 is as under:—

(i) Assistance to National Sports Federations—Rs. 92.54 crores; (ii) National Sports Development Fund—Rs. 1.91 crores; (iii) Scheme Relating to Talent Search and Training — Rs. 1.97 crores.